



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

[19-5858](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MOLANA WARBINGTON**

WHEREAS, Molana Warbington was called home to be with the Lord on September 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Molana Warbington was born in Chicago, Illinois to Morris Jones and Dorothy Warbington on May 17, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Molana Warbington graduated from Austin High School in 1986 and then began working full-time in several industries. She went on to obtain a certification as a nursing assistant and served as a Nurse's Aid for over ten years; and

WHEREAS, Molana Warbington went on to a career providing cleaning and security services for a Midwest Environmental Services Group and other leading security companies; and

WHEREAS, Molana Warbington was deeply rooted in her faith and took pride in being an active member of the Vineyard Christian Church in Evanston, Illinois. She was actively involved in the Single Mother's Ministry. Over the years, Molana's church became her extended family, and a second home to her; and

WHEREAS, throughout her lifetime, Molana Warbington was known as a caring and charismatic person who was well respected by her peers; and

WHEREAS, Molana Warbington most significant accomplishment was the special relationship that she held with her three loving sons. She dedicated her life to ensure that her children grew up to be responsible, kind, and hard-working adults; and

WHEREAS, Molana Warbington is survived by her three children, Justin Darnel Warbington, Joseph Anacletus Masalu Jr., and Jacob Love Warbington; her mother Dorothy Jean Warbington and sister Lanette Marie Warbington. She also leaves behind an uncle, a host of cousins, extended family, and an abundance of friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby mourn the loss of Molana Warbington and celebrates his life and many contributions bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Molana Warbington.

[19-5869](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARIE THERESE RAOUL

WHEREAS, Marie Therese Raoul, was born in Petit Goave, Haiti, on May 9, 1929, the daughter of Jules and Augusta Bance. She was raised with four brothers in Port-au-Prince, until she emigrated to the United States as a college student, studying interior design in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Marie Therese Raoul married Dr. Janin J. Raoul from Port-de-Paix, Haiti on Sept. 24, 1960, and moved to Chicago, they eventually settled in the Hyde Park-Kenwood area and started a family. Through this union came Edwidge, a physician in Daytona Beach, Florida; Ninaj, an Immigration Advocate in Brooklyn; and Kwame, who is presently the Attorney General for the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Marie Therese Raoul, was always very involved in her children's education and volunteered at the schools they attended. She taught French at the Ancona School, 4770 S. Dorchester Avenue and embroidery at the former Harvard St. George School; and

WHEREAS, Marie Therese Raoul developed her artistic skills, creating dynamic floral arrangements for weddings, cultural events and other special occasions. However, she never lost her unconditional love towards her family and friends as joyfully displayed at her son's wedding the day after she was released into hospice care and just five days before her homecoming on July 18, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby humbly stand in submission, and salute the life of Marie Therese Raoul

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of; and Marie Therese Raoul

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**.

[19-5935](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2019 AS VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed a holiday on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson to honor the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, November 11, subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938, was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” In 1954, at the urging of veteran’s organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by replacing Armistice Day with Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizen soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy, cannot be calculated; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has the largest veteran population in Illinois with 224,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches. At 11 a.m. on Veterans Day many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we now enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor

for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military for their service; in wartime or peacetime; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day is a matter of historic patriotic significance to all American citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize November 11, 2019 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with respect and gratitude, we salute all of our veterans, remembering “all gave some and some gave all” and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.

[19-5990](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY GREGORY

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gregory was called to be home with the Lord on September 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gregory was born in Stuttgart, Arkansas, on April 3, 1928, to Thomas and Helen Burks-Humphrey; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gregory graduated from Walter High School in 1946. Shortly thereafter, she met the love of her life Henry Gregory, and they got married in 1950. She was a devoted wife to Henry Gregory, and they raised two loving sons, George and Ray, until his death in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gregory began her career in the manufacturing industry working at Bradley Lamp Manufacturing Company for over 30 years. She would transition into the social-services sector supporting people with special needs on Chicago’s West Side and then as a business owner of Gregory and Associates, a real estate company named after her late husband; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Dorothy Gregory was a committed resident of the 4th District in the Washington Heights neighborhood. She is considered a community leader in the fight for racial equity and justice for all African-American people in the City of Chicago and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gregory was instrumental with several other women in the community to form a Safe Passage Program. This program offered daily safe routes for young children in grades kindergarten

through eighth grade traveling to and from William H. Ryder Math & Science Specialty School; and

WHEREAS, during her life, Dorothy Gregory was known as a kind, tenderhearted, and giving individual who gave to the less fortunate. She opened her home to community residents that were displaced or who sought temporary housing. She also served food to the residents in need and volunteered at William H. Ryder Math & Science Specialty School; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gregory's faith was central to her life. She was called to the Oakdale Covenant Church and served under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Willie B. Jeminson. In 1970, Reverend Jeminson named her President of the Usher Board Committee where she faithfully served the congregation. She continued her spiritual service under the direction of Reverend Dr. D. Darrell Griffin and was loved by all in the church who met her; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gregory enjoyed spending quality time with her family. She is survived by her sons, George Kenneth (Linda), Ray Anthony (Vicki), three grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Dorothy Gregory and her many contributions to bettering the lives of all residents in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Dorothy Gregory.

[19-6141](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF TIMOTHY NOONAN TO RESTORE THE MONUMENT DEDICATED TO THE MOTHERS OF FALLEN SOLDIERS IN WORLD WAR I

WHEREAS, Timothy Noonan is a native of the North Beverly neighborhood of Chicago's South Side; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Noonan graduated from Marist High School in 1981 and attended Marquette University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, for the past 22 years, Timothy Noonan has worked for various corporations such as Exelon, Arthur Andersen, EMC Documentation, Hewlett Packard, Sierra Systems, EMC Kazeon-Electronic Discovery, and The Sedona Conference providing knowledge and expertise in developing enterprise-wide solutions addressing matters of compliance, discovery, strategic records management, and cyber security

from mobile devices to the cloud; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, Timothy Noonan has served as the Director of Information Governance for Autotech Corporation. In this role, Timothy has led digital forensic investigations by case planning, acquisition, examination, data analysis, presentation and disposition; and

WHEREAS, during a walk with his children, in the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Timothy Noonan discovered the abandoned monument dedicated to the mothers of fallen World War I soldiers. Timothy became inspired to take action, and shortly thereafter, founded The Chicago Council of Gold Star Mothers (CCGSM), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and rebuilding of the memorial located in the Dan Ryan Woods; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Noonan hosted a community meeting at Ridge Park in May 2017 to explore ways for the monument to be restored. Based on this meeting and continuous advocacy efforts, the Forest Preserves of Cook County hosted a decommissioning ceremony at the memorial in November 2017; and

WHEREAS, under Timothy Noonan's leadership, CCGSM successfully restored the Gold Star Mothers monument. A rededication ceremony was hosted in November 2018, before Veteran's Day, and the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day. During the rededication ceremony, Timothy Noonan and CCGSM were recognized for its efforts to restore the site; and

WHEREAS, the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) named Timothy Noonan the grand marshal of the BAPA's Beverly/Morgan Park/Mt. Greenwood 2019 Memorial Day Parade. The honor of grand marshal was given to Timothy Noonan due to his tireless dedication in restoring the CCGSM in the Dan Ryan Woods; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby recognize Timothy Noonan for his leadership in restoring the mothers of fallen World War I soldiers memorial in the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Timothy Noonan in recognition of this honor.

[19-6161](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RICHARD A. NAUJOKAS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Richard Naujokas from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Richard Naujokas was the dearly beloved husband for 51 years of Judy nee Santiago; and

WHEREAS, Richard Naujokas was the devoted father of Angela (Daniel) Chrusciel, Patricia (fiancé James Cross), Richard A. and Frank Adam; and

WHEREAS, Richard Naujokas was the loving papa of Olivia, Kobi, James, Matthew, Vivienne and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, Richard Naujokas touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Richard Naujokas was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Richard Naujokas and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Richard Naujokas so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-6172](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF THE LEGENDARY HOUSE MUSIC DJ JESSE SAUNDERS

WHEREAS, Jesse Saunders was born on March 10, 1962 in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Saunders took an early liking to music and started to play the piano at 5 years old. He excelled academically with a musical gift and talent for making people dance. He was selected to perform and tour in the Chicago Children's Choir at 10 years old; and

WHEREAS, while attending Kenwood High School, Jesse Saunders would be mentored in the art of DJing by his older stepbrother, DJ Wayne Williams. In 1977, he would become a founding member of the Chosen Few DJs and began spinning at high school dances and house parties; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Kenwood High School, Jesse Saunders enrolled at the University of Southern California studying Communications and Film. After his first year in college, Jesse Saunders returned back to Chicago to become a full-time house music DJ; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Chicago, Jesse Saunders began his career DJing at Chicago nightclubs such as The Playground and DaVinci Manor. He would become part of two records which debuted house music on vinyl records. In 1983, he wrote and recorded the single "Fantasy" for Mitchell Records. Later that year, Jesse Saunders founded Jes Say Records, the world's 1st house music record label and released the single "On and On," in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Saunders, place in house music history, was further solidified by writing and producing one of the most covered and biggest-selling house records, "Love Can't Turn Around", which topped the charts in more than 20 countries; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Jesse Saunders signed the first major label recording contract for a house music DJ with Geffen/Warren Bros. Records. During this 10 year tenure, he produced and remixed such records as De La Soul's "Me, Myself and I"; Paula Abdul's "Vibeology", and Simple Pleasure's chart-topping "Where Do We Go From Here." Jesse Saunders went on to work for a variety of labels including JIVE Records where he worked with top selling artists such as Mr. Lee and DJ Pierre; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Saunders capitalized on his success as a house music DJ and business owner to form the Just Say family of companies that specialized in productions in music, television, film, and even print. He has worked beside and influenced other DJs including Grammy Award winner Roger Sanchez, Marshall Jefferson, DJ Pierre, Farley "Jackmaster Funk" Williams, Steve "Silk" Hurley, and Frankie

Knuckles; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Saunders continues to promote music through the Music & Arts Society, a non-profit dedicated to the preservation and education of house and electronic dance music. He has also spoken at conferences, colleges, and universities around the world spreading his musical expertise such as the Red Bull Academy, Amsterdam Dance Event, and Winter Music Conference; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Saunders contributions to house and electronic dance music have been recognized by proclamations from the Mayors of Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, and Albuquerque; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, does hereby congratulate Jesse Saunders on a successful career as one of the originators of the house music industry and his many contributions bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Jesse Saunders and his family in recognition of this honor.

[19-6177](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY and TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ANNETTE BUTLER, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Annette Butler, was born on September 14, 1938 to the union of Ozell and Earl Walter Smith in Chicago, Illinois. Annette Butler was the eldest of 5 children born to this union; and

WHEREAS, Annette Butler accepted Christ at an early age and attended St. Joseph Grammar School. Mr. Smith recognized the musical blessings bestowed to his children, cultivating their musical talents through involvement with the choir at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Annette's audiences witnessed her brilliant multifaceted gifts in both music and singing; and

WHEREAS, Annette Butler attended Lucy Flower High School where she received her high school diploma. Annette Butler pursued higher education after completing high school by enrolling and attending Wilson Junior College; and

WHEREAS, Annette Butler along with her siblings, Earl, Benny and sister Mable, formed the singing group, The Crusaders; and

WHEREAS, the Crusaders would also include a handsome, talented young man named, Jerry Butler creating the connection which would lead to a courtship and love best described as a fairy tale; and

WHEREAS, Annette Butler's love continued to inspire and motivate Jerry's heart. Jerry walked more than 20 miles, sometimes twice a week to Annette's home to save bus fare. These long walks & moonlit nights created an unbreakable unity between Annette and Jerry; and

WHEREAS on June 21, 1959, Annette and Jerry wed in Holy Matrimony; and

WHEREAS, Annette Butler found peace and comfort in Buddhism in the early 1970s. Annette used her newfound peace through Buddhism to face adversity finding solace in becoming in tune with nature. Annette positively influenced several others and was instrumental in assisting many others to practice Buddhism, including her husband Jerry. However, Annette also remained close to her Christian spiritual relationship with the Lord; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal life of Annette Butler; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Annette Butler; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**.

[19-6195](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM MCKINLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 231

WHEREAS, in 1919, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 began its service to both local veterans and the surrounding community, and

WHEREAS, in its early days, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 was known for its great camaraderie and a welcoming environment where members of all generations could gather in fellowship, and

WHEREAS, today the Wm. McKinley American Legion Post 231 is a thriving, vibrant organization, looked upon as a widely respected community asset, and beneficiaries of its charitable support include many families in need throughout the community, and

WHEREAS throughout its proud history, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 has held among its ranks numerous community leaders that have been active in improving the lives of veterans and the lives of residents in the community, and

WHEREAS the Wm. McKinley American Legion Post 231 is proud of its many friends and members who have served our country in the armed forces, with members having fought in World War I, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan, and

WHEREAS on Sunday, October 20, 2019, the Wm. McKinley American Legion Post 231 will host a celebration at Banquets at the Mayor's Mansion, A European Chalet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Post, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to all the members, past and present, of the Wm. McKinley American Legion Post 231, for 100 years of outstanding service to the community, and offers its best wishes for continued success, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the members of the Wm. McKinley American Legion Post 231 as a token of appreciation from a grateful community.

[19-6231](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE PALOS LIONS CLUB ON ITS 70th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs International got its start in Chicago in 1917. As a member of the Business Circle of Chicago, Melvin Jones, championed a community service program for the business community. Mr. Jones dreamed of being responsible, in part, for making the world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club International adopted the motto: "We Serve" and at the request of Helen Keller, they focused on eliminating blindness and helping individuals with vision problems. Within 30 years, a total of 8055 clubs and a total of 402,000 members in 28 countries had joined the Lions' efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, local businessmen in the Palos area chartered the Palos Lions Club, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Lions Club. Since the Palos Lions Club's origin, its services have been dedicated primarily to the visually handicapped, however, continually expanding into other areas of need in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Palos Lions Club Charitable Giving Program supports traditional beneficiaries which include Camp Lions, Chicago Comets, The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, Leader Dogs and The Lions

of Illinois Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Palos Lions Club Charitable Giving Program also supports local beneficiaries which include The Center, Together We Cope, Crisis Center, Twisted Sisters, Swaddle, Trinity Services and Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, during the Christmas Season, the Palos Lions Club distributes over 50 Jewel grocery store gift cards in the amount of \$100 dollars to needy families in the Palos area, and every year the Palos Lions Club offers a \$1,000 dollar scholarship to be awarded to students from each of the three high schools in the Palos area; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish their financial goals, the Palos Lions Club holds major fundraising activities which include Candy Day, Christmas Tree Sales, Monthly Raffle and Bears Football Night, and members can also be found volunteering their time at local public events cooking grilled corn on the cob where all proceeds are put into the Palos Lions' charitable programs; and

WHEREAS, as part of their 70th Anniversary Celebration, the Palos Lions will host a "First Responders Appreciation Night" Dinner on October 16, 2019 which will honor the service of local police and fire first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Palos Lions Club is proud to honor Detective John Parnitzke from the Palos Heights Police Department, Fire Fighter/Paramedic Thomas O'Connor of the Palos Fire Protection District, Detective Diana Campbell of the Palos Park Police Department, Lieutenant John Roe III of the North Palos Fire Protection District, Officer Ahmad Sows of the Palos Hills Police Department, Officer James Cha of the Palos Hills Police Department, and Units #6422 & #6402 of the Palos Heights Fire Protection District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the founders, members and supporters of the Palos Lions Club on their 70th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Palos Lions Club in honor of its noble work and remarkable impact in their community.

[19-6249](#)

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month (FAHM) in 1988, choosing October to commemorate the arrival of the first Filipinos who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587; and

WHEREAS, with each new wave of immigrants the Filipino American community continues to grow and includes professional athletes, Olympic champions, stars of stage and screen, labor organizers, educators, caretakers, filmmakers, and entrepreneurs as well as members of the medical and engineering professions; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the second largest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2011, the Philippine American Cultural Foundation (PACF) has organized a variety of events to celebrate FAHM every October and to promote the various events in celebration of FAHM; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are now the second most populous Asian group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino-American history and culture, as mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history; and

WHEREAS, generations of Filipino Americans have lent their unique voices to the vibrant diversity of origins, cultures, and communities that make America what it is. Their legacy speaks to the extraordinary spirit of common purpose - of unity forged through the ideals that bind us together as people - that has always been central to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans served their Country faithfully in the wars of the 20th century, and continue to protect America as servicemen and servicewomen around the world; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government and the offices under the President employ the largest percentage of Asian Americans of any government in Illinois, with Filipino-Americans comprising a

substantial portion of those employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize October as Filipino American History Month and wish to celebrate the extraordinary ways Filipino Americans have contributed to our County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the Philippine American Cultural Foundation and the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago, and Filipino American National Historical Society Greater Chicago Chapter in recognition of their unwavering dedication to promote and celebrate Filipino American History Month.

[19-6272](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING DEBBIE SMART, RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE OF YEAR AWARD, FOR HER COMMUNITY SERVICE TO RESIDENTS OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart is the recipient of the 2019 Illinois Library Association (ILA) Trustee of the Year Award, an annual recognition to a public library trustee for achievement, leadership and service to libraries. And

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart has served as a member of the Library Board of Trustees of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library since 2011, including as board president and treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart spearheaded the strategic planning process and search for a new executive director; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart inspired the development of a new “makerspace” building to promote STEAM education and entrepreneurship that will include 3-D printers, laser cutters and vinyl cutters, as well as a small business incubator space and commercial kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart supported the creation of the nonprofit Arlington Heights Memorial Library Foundation to enhance the capacity of the library to support new programming; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart volunteers for numerous community organizations including the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights, Arlington Heights Historical Society, Questers, Kappa Delta Sorority, Arlington Heights Art Commission, St. John UCC Church, the Chamber of Commerce and as chair of an independent task force that studied the Metropolis Performing Arts Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart, in 2014, received a Hearts of Gold award from Arlington Heights for her

volunteer service making a difference in the lives of others and enriching the quality of life for residents through her generous contributions and acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart is a member of the Program and Awards Committee for the United for Libraries division of the American Library Association (ALA), and presented a program on financial stewardship at the 2019 national ALA conference; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart is a vocal champion of her library, and every library, as the place that brings the community together; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart is a 28-year Arlington Heights resident, living, working and serving the community she calls home; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Scott Britton, Cook County Commissioner of the 14th District, and the entirety of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Debbie Smart, congratulate her on the 2019 Illinois Library Association Trustee of Year Award and praise her legacy of service in District 14 and all of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Debbie Smart.

[19-6276](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING COUNTYCARE FOR BEING NAMED A TOP MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN IN ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) released their 2019-2020 Health Insurance Plan Ratings, ranking Cook County Health's (CCH) CountyCare, the system's Medicaid managed care plan, as one of the top-rated Medicaid Managed Care Plans in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, overall CountyCare tied for the top rating in Illinois, with a score of 3.5, and scored the highest in the State for preventive care and treatment, and tied for second for consumer experience; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare is the largest Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) in Cook County with 318,000 members; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare covers prescription drugs, primary and specialty care, laboratory and X-ray services, mammograms, mental health treatment, transportation to medical appointments, and other services; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare has one of the largest networks with more than 4,500 care providers, 15,000 specialists and over 70 hospitals throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, CountyCare emphasizes provider-based care coordination designed to improve health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, this recognition is a testament to the leadership of CountyCare and its partner Evolent Health as well as the whole CountyCare team; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to recognize and commend the CountyCare team on a job well done, and looks forward to more great outcomes in the future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate CountyCare and their partner Evolent Health for their NCQA score as one of the top MCO's in the State of Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to CountyCare CEO James Kiamos as a symbol of our respect and esteem.